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SUBJECT: WFP EMERGENCY RESERVE: US POSITION
FOR USDA COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICY AND PROGRAMS
1. WE NOW HAVE SOME BACKGROUND ON DEVELOPMENTS IN CIEC
RE G-8 PARTICIPATION IN WFP EMERGENCY RESERVE WHICH USDEL
WILL FIND USEFUL.

2. GENERAL G-8 REACTION TO US INITIATIVE ON WFP EMERGENCY
RESERVE WAS FAVORABLE. G-8 EVENTUALLY AGREED ON TEXT,
WORKED OUT BETWEEN US AND EC, WHICH STATES THAT PARTICI-
PANTS IN THE CIEC DIALOGUE ANNOUNCE THEIR INTENTION TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE EMERGENCYRESERVE.EXACT LANGUAGE OF G-8 TEXT
READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE DECISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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TO MAKE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE WFP AN INTERNATIONAL RESERVE
FOR EMERGENCIES WITH THE AIM OF A TARGET OF NOT LESS THAN
500,000 TONS OF CEREALS, PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
WORLD FOOD GRAIN RESERVE, SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE; CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED AND MODALITIES
ALREADY AGREED IN THE COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICY AND
PROGRAMS ON WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THE DECISION.

IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE, PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE, BOTH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, ANNOUNCE THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE; THIS WOULD BE BY AN INDICATION OF FINANCIAL TRANSFERS OR AVAILABILITIES OF COMMODITIES FROM WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS COULD BE MADE TO THE RESERVE, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS AND PROCEDURES. THEY CALLED UPON OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS TO INDICATE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESERVE."

3. AT ELEVENTH HOUR, G-19 SUDDENLY AWAKENED TO FACT THAT LANGUAGE OF PROPOSED TEXT WOULD MEAN COMMITMENT OF OPEC AND SOME OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE. G-19 THEN OBJECTED AND PROPOSED A CHANGE IN LANGUAGE TO SAY "SOME PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION ETC." THIS CHANGE WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO G-8, HOWEVER, AND ISSUE WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED WITH G-19 LANGUAGE IN BRACKETS.

4. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF USDEL TO CFA COULD PASS ALONG THIS BACKGROUND TO OTHER G-8 REPS WHO MAY NOT BE FULLY UP-TO-DATE. G-8 COUNTRIES ARE: US, CANADA, JAPAN, U.K. FRANCE, ITALY, GERMANY, SWEDEN. USDEL SHOULD SEEK COMMON G-8 POSITION IN THE CFA ALONG LINES AGREED TO AT

PARIS TO THE EXTENT THIS IS POSSIBLE.

5. USDEL IS AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER US STATEMENT RE PARTICIPATION IN WFP EMERGENCY RESERVE CONTAINED PARA 2 OF POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM 4. AT THE END OF SENTENCE 1, HOWEVER, USDEL SHOULD ADD WORDS "ALONG WITH OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE."

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHANGE IS TO CLARIFY THE POINT THAT THE US PARTICIPATION IS PART OF A BROADER DONOR COUNTRY INITIATIVE AND NOT A UNILATERAL US MEASURE. CHRISTOPHER

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